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SUBJECT: TFKV01: KOSOVO TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. 14

ORDERED DEPARTURE APPROVED FOR EMBASSY BELGRADE

1. (SBU) The Department approved ordered departure for eligible family members and non-emergency personnel. Embassy Zagreb is coordinating with post to evacuate staff and private American citizens. (Kosovo Task Force/Embassy Belgrade telcon)

PROTEST IN MITROVICA, PRISTINA QUIET, UN SECURITY ROBUST

2. (SBU) The UN reports the 2,000 Serb demonstrators who had assembled in Mitrovica have dispersed. U.S. Office Pristina comments all is quiet elsewhere in Kosovo. Post issued a warden message advising Amcits to defer travel to northern Kosovo. UNMIK and KFOR personnel prevented demonstrators and buses from crossing into Kosovska Mitrovica. (Kosovo TF/USOP telcon, AP)

PRESIDENT TADIC CONDEMNS VIOLENCE

¶3. (SBU) President Tadic issued a statement after an emergency security council meeting, saying there is no justification for violence. He emphasized the events in Belgrade must not be repeated. Post reports this is his strongest statement to date. (Kosovo TF/Embassy Belgrade telcon)

LARGE PROTESTS IN MONTENEGRO, POLICE ASSURE PROTECTION

¶4. (SBU) Embassy Podgorica reports thousands of demonstrators gathered in front of the parliament building and the cathedral. Authorities warned post that a group of demonstrators might head to the Embassy. Police established a significant presence around the Embassy and assured post of their full support. Post issued a warden message advising American citizens of the demonstrations. (Kosovo TF/Embassy Podgorica e-mail)

NATO SYG DELAYS KOSOVO TRIP UNTIL EARLY MARCH

¶5. (SBU) De Hoop Scheffer now plans to visit just prior to the March 6 NATO Foreign Ministerial meeting in Brussels. (Kosovo TF/EUR/RPM e-mail)

¶6. (U) Minimize considered.
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